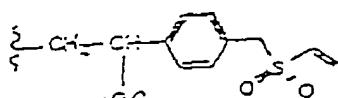


II. Claims

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer)

15. (Presently Amended) A polymer comprising a side chain of formula II:

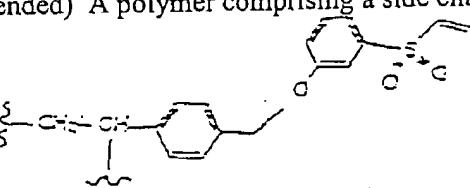
(II)



wherein $\sim\text{CH}_2\text{--CH}\sim$ is part of the backbone of the polymer and wherein the side chain is attached to an ethylene moiety of the polymer and R is an alkyl, aryl, oxyalkyl or oxyary linker group.

26. (Presently Amended) A polymer comprising a side chain of formula III:

(III)



wherein $\sim\text{CH}_2\text{--CH}\sim$ is part of the backbone of the polymer and wherein the side chain is attached to an ethylene moiety of the polymer and R is an alkyl, aryl, oxyalkyl or oxyary linker group.

Claims 7-11 (Cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer)